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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: RESUMPTION OF USER CHARGE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. CONGEN HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH ATG OVER PAST MONTH IN ORDER TO DETERMINE DATE WHEN USER CHARGES NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE RESUMED. THROUGHOUT ENTIRE PERIOD, ATG HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT PRIOR COMMITMENTS PREVENT EARLY RESUMPTION OF TALKS AND THIS WAS REITERATED DURING LATEST DISCUSSION. UNFORTUNATELY, THEREFORE, MARCH 3 TALKS ARE NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SINGAPORE AT THAT TIME.

2. ATG PREFERS AND SUGGESTS THAT MEETING TAKE PLACE RIGHT AFTER EASTER, ON APRIL 7, TO ENCOMPASS USER CHARGES AND BILATERALS SINCE THEY FEEL BOTH ARE IMPORTANT AND CANNOT BE SEPARATED.

3. CONGEN ATTEMPT TO HAVE AT LEAST GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON FEBRUARY 27 AND 28 WERE UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE ATG FEELS THAT SHORT SPAN OF TIME TOTALLY INADEQUATE FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS.

4. ADVISE IF APRIL 7 SATISFACTORY OR, IF NOT, SUPPLY SUBSTITUTE DATE.

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